

Simple Ponytail Scarf



Jazz up your ponytail or bag with this simple, bias-cut scarf!

The necessary fabric can be cut from a single fat quarter (and you'll still have some nice scraps left over for your next patchwork project). The best news? The whole project takes about fifteen minutes. Instructions for adult and child size scarves included.

For maximum efficiency, you will need a 6" x 24" quilting ruler with 45-degree angle markings, rotary cutter and mat, and a fabric-safe marking tool.

At minimum, you'll need a 24" ruler or yardstick and fabric-safe marking tool.

Note: I recommend pre-washing your fat quarters, both to ensure that your finished item will stand up to multiple washings and to remove any nasty chemical residue that you probably don't want near your hair.

Let's make a scarf!



Spread fat quarter on your work surface. Use a 6" x 24" quilting ruler to cut a bias strip across the fat quarter as shown above. Your strip should be cut at a 45-degree angle, which means the 45-degree markings on your ruler should be parallel to the sides of the fat quarter.

If you don't have a large quilting ruler, use a regular ruler and fabric-safe marking tool to draw a 6" wide strip across your fat quarter, approximating the 45-degree angle as best you can. (Folding a square of paper in half diagonally is a good way to approximate a 45-degree angle.)



Fold your fabric strip as shown, putting right sides together.



Trim the edge on the right side of the strip at a 45-degree angle, as shown.

If your ruler doesn't have angle markings, use a folded paper square as a guide.



Starting at the top (not the point) of the angle you just cut, measure 19 inches across the top/raw edge of your strip, making a mark at 19 inches.



Using that mark as a starting point, cut a 45-degree angle, as shown. Note: This angle should be pointing in the opposite direction from the one you just cut.



Pin securely, making sure all sides line up, but being careful not to stretch the bias-cut fabric.



Use your fabric marker to indicate a three inch space along the raw edge. This will be an opening for turning the scarf right-side-out.



Using just a quarter-inch seam allowance, sew around raw edges, leaving the three-inch space between the marks you just made open. (Be sure to stitch back and forth a couple of times at each of those marks to secure your seams!)



Trim corners on both ends . . .



... Turn right-side-out, and press.



Stitch close to the edge, around the entire scarf, and you're done!



*Enjoy your
finished scarf!*

Child-Size Scarf



Make a child-size scarf by following the same instructions, but cutting your bias strip only 4.5" wide. Rather than measuring 19" across the top of the scarf, measure only 15".



Finish your child scarf in exactly the same way!

Tying your scarf



Fold scarf in half, matching long sides, and slip under ponytail, keeping folded edge facing outward.



Slip one end under the other, making a simple knot.



Pull both ends to secure.



Arrange ends as desired.